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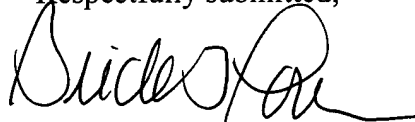
This communication is being filed after a Decision by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences (hereinafter "the Board"), dated January 16, 2004, in which the Board remanded the application to the Examiner. This communication is being filed with a Request for Continued Examination and the Declaration of John W. Chrisman, III (hereinafter "the Declaration").

It is noted that all of the claims that remain pending and under consideration in the above-referenced application stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). In addition to the arguments that have already been made of record in the above-referenced application, the Declaration is being submitted to demonstrate secondary indicia of non-obviousness; specifically, the commercial success that has resulted from the claimed invention, as well as a

high degree of recognition, both of which are also demonstrative of a long-felt need for the claimed invention.

An early notice of the allowability of claims 1-3, 5, 7,-27, 29, and 31-33 is respectfully solicited, as is an indication that the above-referenced application has passed for issuance. If any issues preventing allowance of the above-referenced application remain, the Office is kindly invited to telephone the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,



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